

CONFIDENTIAL

50X1-HUM

The following table indicates the increase in agricultural and livestock production since the war (in quintals):

	<u>1945</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>
Cereals	18,700	31,000	13,800	24,640	39,058
Industrial plants	30	105	8,230	5,930	9,035
Vegetables, potatoes	8,550	10,760	16,100	74,240	82,411
Forage crops	4,780	5,000	25,260	95,500	102,079
Fruit, olives	1,960	34,570	25,930	36,730	34,651
Milk (hl)	1,600	3,050	5,000	18,577	30,985

In 1947, machinery and tractor stations were founded in Albania to aid the development of agriculture, especially the cooperative farms and the poor peasantry. Hundreds of tractors, machine planters, and harvesting machines, and much other machinery, have come from the USSR. In 1947, the first year of their existence, the machine-tractor stations plowed 8,007 hectares of land, 19,174 hectares in 1948, and 32,476 in 1949.

The state sector establishes farms, orchards, olive groves, and livestock enterprises, and applies proper scientific methods and mechanization to agriculture on a large scale. It sets an example for the other sectors and offers constant aid to cooperative and private farms by supplying them with seeds, young trees, and selected breeding stock. These farms also supply agricultural and animal products to feed the working population.

Reclamation projects have been carried out as indicated in the following table (in hectares):

<u>Year</u>	<u>Irrigation</u>	<u>Drainage</u>	<u>New Reclaimed Land</u>
1938	18,500	1,500	-
1944	20,000	2,500	-
1945	20,000	2,600	-
1946	22,700	4,300	-
1947	25,000	7,300	-
1948	31,000	18,423	780
1949	33,450	31,268	1,828

In comparison with 1938, when the total arable area of Albania was 220,714 hectares, the arable area was increased by one percent in 1945, 19 percent in 1946, 38 percent in 1947, 43 percent in 1948, and 50 percent in 1949, when the total arable surface was 302,286 hectares. Reclamation activity increased beyond the 1938 level by 10 percent in 1945, 10 percent in 1946, 35 percent in 1947, 150 percent in 1948, and 200 percent in 1949.

However, the increase in agricultural production is not yet satisfactory. This year yields of grain per hectare were high in many areas; but the Albanian peasantry has not yet attained the necessary proficiency in the use of modern scientific innovations, and still relies on primitive methods and tools.

The large-scale planting of industrial plants, vegetables, and fodder plants shows that Albanian agriculture has entered upon a new phase of development. There has also been a constant increase in the number of fruit trees, from only 1,200,000 in 1938 to 3,610,000 at present. The party and the government are laying great stress on the development of fruit culture, as Albania is able to produce enough fruit to satisfy domestic demand and also for export.

Although Albanian stock-raising suffered greatly during the war, great improvements have been made since the liberation, through the organization of veterinary services, investment, the establishment of the Research and Zootechnical Selection

- 2 -

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

50X1-HUM

Center in Shkoder and breeding stations, the control of privately owned live-stock, the modernization of agriculture, the extension of silkworm culture, etc.

A total of 15,687 hectares of forests were systematically cut down during the war by the occupation troops for lumber and fuel, to facilitate troop movements, and for protection against Partisan raids.

Immediately after the liberation the forests were nationalized. The government took steps to protect them against improper cutting, fires, excessive grazing, and other sources of damage. The results are seen in the following table:

	Unit	1938	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
Forests managed	Ha	-	-	-	-	1,250	1,550
Total forests	"	-	-	-	-	25,000	70,000
Forests improved	"	-	-	-	500	800	900
Area destroyed by forest fires	"	800	500	240	56	21	62
Afforestation	"	4	-	13	240	440	885
Exploitation							
For lumber	cu m	20,000	26,000	50,000	90,000	160,000	201,875
For firewood	cu m	1,000,000	1,200,000	1,400,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,710,000
Volunteer work in forests	Man days	700	-	2,100	33,000	40,000	47,000
Nurseries	Ha	4	-	8	21	31	46

Afforestation increased over the 1938 level by 225 percent in 1946, 5,900 percent in 1947, 10,900 percent in 1948, and 22,025 percent in 1949. No forestation was done in 1945.

OVER 3 MILLION FRUIT TREES PLANTED IN 1949 -- Dielli, No 5913, 1 Feb 50

A dispatch from Tirana dated 12 January 1950 states that 7,890,000 fruit trees have been planted in Albania since the liberation. About half of this total, or 3,187,660, were planted during 1949.

- E N D -

- 3 -

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL